Accidents to aircraft due to bird hits

911. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of bird-hit accidents which occurred at various Aircrafts in the country during the last three years;

(b) what is the number of aircraft damaged on this account and how many of them could be repaired; and

(c) what has been the financial loss due to these accidents during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) 221 bird hits have occurred in last three years (1986, 87 & 88). These aircraft were repaired at a cost of Rs. 5.46 crores.

Attitude of US Government to Indian Doctors

912. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports that the US Government has shut the doors for Indian Doctors seeking employment in that country; and

(b) if so, what is our Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government of India has seen reports to this effect which are inaccurate. There are no separate laws for Indian medical graduates in the USA. All foreign medical graduates however have to qualify in a seperate examination before they are allowed to practice in the country.

Report of Amnesty International against India

913. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent report of Amnesty International levelling accusations aaginst India; and

(b) what is the response of Government and the steps taken to check distortions and anti-India trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) In a May 1989 Report of Amnesty International titled "Sri Lanka: Continuing human rights violations" certain allegations were made against the IPKF. In a statement on 23 May 1989 the official spokesman of the Ministry of External Affairs rebutted these alegations in detail.

Offer of U.S. Weapons to Pakistan

914. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. has offered a fresh package of sophisticated weapons to Pakistan during the recent visit of Prime Minister of Pakistan to that country; and

(b) what is the possible fall out of the stock piling of weapons by Pakistan on the security environment in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) U.S. Administration has proposed security assitance to Pakistan amounting to US$ 241 million for FY 1990. This package is included in the Aid Bill, which is still under consideration of the U.S. Congress. U.S. Administration has additionally notified Congress of the proposed sale of 60 F-16 aircraft to Pakistan.